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IC 29-2-14-1 Disposition of property; insufficient evidence of survivorship

Sec. 1. Where the title to property or the devolution thereof depends upon priority of death and there is no sufficient evidence that the persons have died otherwise than simultaneously, the property of each person shall be disposed of as if he had survived, except as provided otherwise in this chapter.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.1. As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.171, SEC.74.

IC 29-2-14-2 Beneficiaries taking successively under another's disposition of property

Sec. 2. Where two (2) or more beneficiaries are designated to take successively by reason of survivorship under another person's disposition of property and there is no sufficient evidence that these beneficiaries have died otherwise than simultaneously, the property thus disposed of shall be divided into as many equal portions as there are successive beneficiaries and these portions shall be distributed respectively to those who would have taken in the event that each designated beneficiary had survived.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.2.

IC 29-2-14-3 Joint tenants; tenants by entirety

Sec. 3. Where there is no sufficient evidence that two (2) joint tenants or tenants by the entirety have died otherwise than simultaneously the property so held shall be distributed one-half (1/2) as if one (1) had survived and one-half (1/2) as if the other had survived. If there are more than two (2) joint tenants and all of them have so died the property thus distributed shall be in the proportion that one (1) bears to the whole number of joint tenants.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.3.

IC 29-2-14-4 Life or accident insurance

Sec. 4. Where the insured and the beneficiary in a policy of life or accident insurance have died and there is no sufficient evidence that they have died otherwise than simultaneously the proceeds of the policy shall be distributed as if the insured had survived the beneficiary.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.4.

IC 29-2-14-5 Prior death

Sec. 5. This chapter shall not apply to the distribution of the property of a person who has died before it takes effect.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.5. As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.171, SEC.75.

IC 29-2-14-6 Wills, living trusts; deeds; insurance

Sec. 6. This chapter shall not apply in the case of wills, living trusts, deeds, or contracts of insurance wherein provision has been made for distribution of property different from the provisions of this chapter.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.6. As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.171, SEC.76.

IC 29-2-14-7 Uniformity of interpretation

Sec. 7. This chapter shall be so construed and interpreted as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law in those states which enact it.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.7. As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.171, SEC.77.

IC 29-2-14-8 Short title

Sec. 8. This chapter may be cited as the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act.

Formerly: Acts 1941, c.49, s.8. As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.171, SEC.78.